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SUB: NAMIBIA: STEYN TO ISSUE PROCLAMATION ON
REGISTRATION TODAY, JUNE 16

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, ADMINISTRATOR-
GENERAL STEYN INDICATED LAST NIGHT THAT HE WOULD ISSUE A
PROCLAMATION TODAY, JUNE 16, ENABLING HIM TO GO AHEAD WITH
THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS. STEYN REPORTEDLY SAID THE DATE
FOR THE START OF VOTER REGISTRATION WOULD STILL HAVE TO
BE DETERMINED. THE PROCLAMATION, STEYN SAID, WAS "IN THE
MAIN AN ESSENTIALLY NEUTRAL STEP OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE
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NATURE IN THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR AN ELECTION.
THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE PROCLAMATION ARE SUCH THAT
THEY DO NOT EXCLUDE THE ROLE ENVISIONED FOR THE
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARY GENERAL."

2. STEYN REPORTEDLY SAID THE STEP TO ISSUE THE

PROCLAMATION HAD BECOME NECESSARY BECAUSE THE POLITICAL MOMENTUM IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA HAD LESSENED AND THERE WAS A LOSS OF CREDIBILITY ABOUT THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. PEOPLE, HE SAID, HAD BEGUN DOUBTING WHETHER ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD. BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS, THERE HAD ALSO BEEN A DETERIORATION IN THE ECONOMY AND A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SAME PRESS REPORT, SWAPO'S INTERNAL SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, LUCIA HAMUTENYA, SAID STEYN'S ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD PROBABLY AFFECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE WEST AND SWAPO. "THIS STEP WILL NOT ONLY SUBVERT THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE," SHE SAID, "BUT WILL ALSO CAST DOUBT ON THE WESTERN PROPOSAL."

4. IN HIS STATEMENT LAST NIGHT, STEYN ALSO REPORTEDLY MADE AN APPEAL TO NUJOMA TO ACCEPT THE WESTERN PEACE PROPOSALS AND RETURN TO SWA/NAMIBIA. IF NUJOMA ANALYZES THE SITUATION PROPERLY, STEYN SAID, HE WOULD REALIZE THAT SWAPO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE POWER IN SWA/NAMIBIA THROUGH VIOLENCE.

5. EMBASSY WILL SEND BE SEPTEL TEXT OF STEYN'S PROCLAMATION AS SOON AS WE OBTAIN IT.
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